in the U.S.A. particularly with regard to justice for Hindu Americans;

(b) whether the said organisation has approached the Government for any legal or financial aid to achieve their objectives; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Preliminary enquiries have not been able to establish whether or not such a Chamber exists in Miami, Florida.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Environmental Pollution by DTC Buses

*235 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA KANTBHAN DARE :

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the DTC buses emit thick smoke and fumes causing a lot of pollution and creating a nuisance for the road users ;

(b) if so, whether any survey about the road-worthiness of these buses is conducted periodically and when it was last conducted and;

(c) what is the number and percentage of DTC buses especially the private buses under DTC operation which continue to emit such thick black smoke as per the last survey and the latest figures available and the steps being taken to eliminate environmental pollution by such buses?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGEOF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P.UNNIKRISHNAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of such complaints.

(b) No such survey has been conducted by the DTC. However, as per the Motor Vechiles Rules, 1989, the inspection regarding road wetthiness and fitness of the vehicles is done on annual basis by the Delhi Administsation. Such inspection is a continuing process and is undertaken as per the turn of the vehicles on expiry of one year period. The private buses under DTC operation also are subjected to such inspection by the Delhi Administration.

(c) No such survey has been conducted by the DTC. The steps being taken by DTC to reduce pollution are:-

(i) Daily check of the buses before these are outsheded from the depot. Buses found emitting thick smoke and fumes are not allowed to go on line.

(ii) Enforcement of routine and periodic maintenance schedules as prescibed by the chassis manufacturers.

(iii) Ensuring timely overhauling and replacement of defective fuel injection pumps, injectors and engines.

(iv) Buses under operation are checked by the operational staff an any bus found emitting excessive smoke is withdrawn from operation for repairs.

(v) Snap checking of buses for smoke with the help of 'Hartridge' smokemeter with the assistance of the staff of Delhi Administration and Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(vi) Fitment of speed limiting brackets on all the engines for reducing speed thereby reducing the smoke.

Super-power presence in the Indian Sub-Continent

*236. SHRI RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the substantial reduction in Soviet troops and arms deployment in various East European countries, the US administration also propose to reduce their troop strength in various Western-European countries ; and

(b) if so, whether in view of these developments , Government have taken up with the Superpowers to withdraw/reduce their presence from the Indian Sub-continent, including theIndian Ocean; if so, what is their response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. As part of the negotiations for reduction of Conventional Forces in Europe, both USA and the Soviet Union have reached agreement in principle for reducing their forces in West Europe and East Europe respectively.

(b) According to the available information there are no troops belonging to the Soviet Union or the USA in the countries of South Asia. As far as the Indian Ocean is concerned, the Government of India has been working consistently for the implementation of the 1971 UN Declaration of Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, demanding, *inter alia*, elimination of all great power military presence from the Indian Ocean area, conceived, in the context of their confrontation.

राष्ट्रीय परिवहन सुरक्षा बोर्ड की सिफारिशें

*237. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय परिवहन सुरक्षा बोर्ड ने हाल में गत कुछ महीनों में सड़क दुर्घटनाओं की संख्या में हो रही वृद्धि के संबंध में अपनी सिफारिशें प्रस्तुत की हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन सिफारिशों का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इन सिफारिशों को अब तक क्रियान्वित किए जाने में हुई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री साथ में संचार मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री के. पी. उन्नीकृष्णन): (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) सदन के पटल पर एक विवरण रखा गया है।

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क्र० सं०	सिफारिशें	की गई कार्रवाई
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1.	पहाड़ी सड़कों पर तीव्र मोड़ों जैसे संभावित खतरनाक स्थानों पर सड़क संकेतों के प्रावधान के लिए प्रभावशाली अभियान	राज्य सरकारों/ संघ शासित क्षेत्रों के प्रशासनों को एन०टी०एस०बी० द्वारा मार्ग निर्देश जारी किए गए हैं ।